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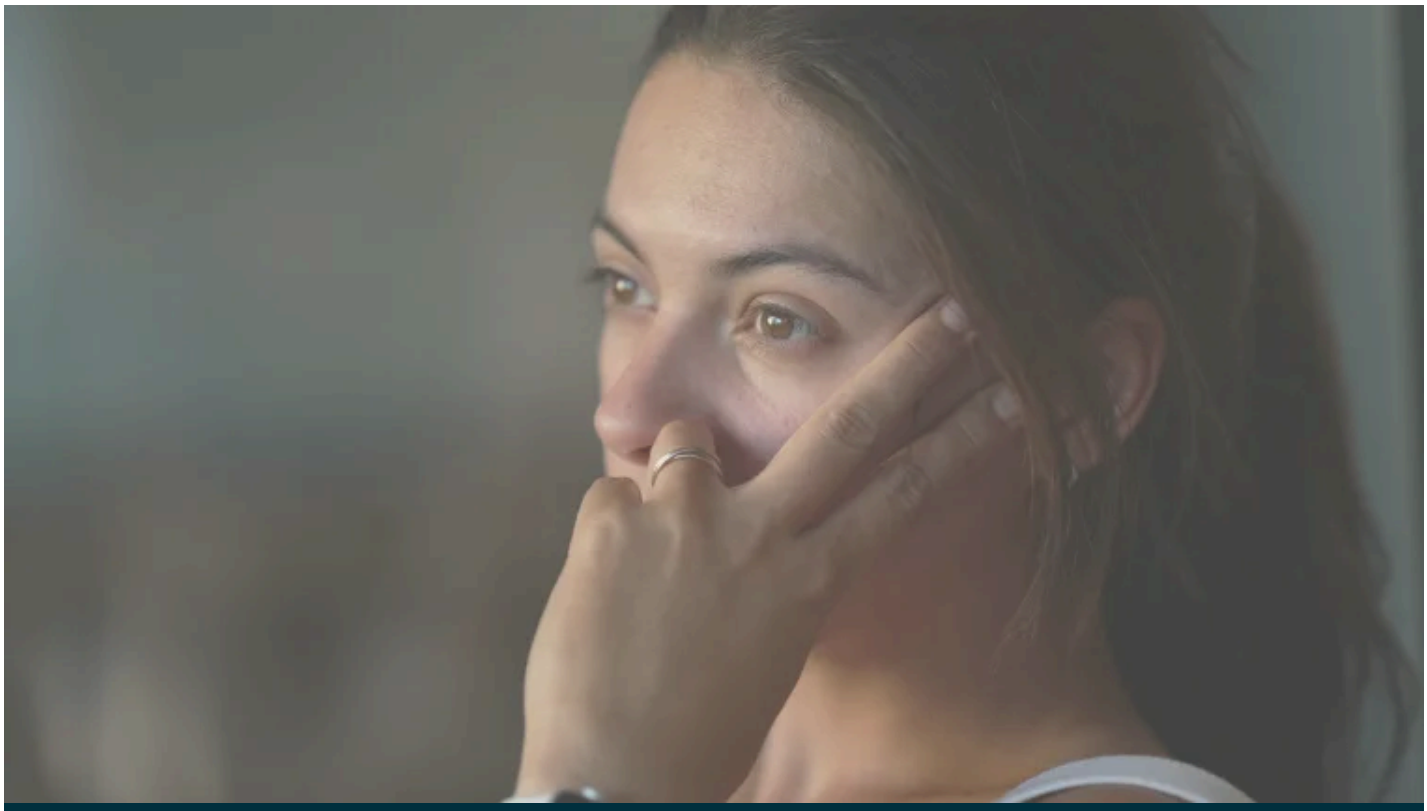
Disability Discrimination

Information and resources on protecting students with disabilities from discrimination under Section 504 and Title II.

People with disabilities sometimes experience discrimination. The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) works to prevent and address disability discrimination. OCR does this by enforcing two laws that prohibit discrimination based on disability: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II). Section 504 applies to recipients of Federal financial assistance and Title II applies to public entities. OCR also issues guidance so the public can better understand these two laws.



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Learn about Section 504 protections for students with anxiety disorders using this recently published fact sheet from OCR.

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Disability Discrimination: Overview of the Laws

An overview of Section 504 and Title II of the ADA, two laws that OCR enforces to protect individuals with disabilities.

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Disability Discrimination: Key Issues

Learn about common scenarios that arise for individuals with disabilities in school settings.

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View case resolutions for select, recently resolved cases involving disability discrimination.

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Civil Rights Laws Reading Room

Browse materials about civil rights laws and education, including case resolutions, manuals, and other resources.

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Disability Discrimination: Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about individuals with disabilities in the school setting.

Disability Discrimination FAQs ›

Section 504 FAPE FAQs ›

File a Civil Rights Complaint

If you believe you have been discriminated or retaliated against on the basis of disability, you can file a civil rights complaint with the Office for Civil Rights.

How to File a Complaint

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